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§5–715.

(a) In this section, “candidate”, “contribution”, and “political committee” have the meanings stated in § 1–101 of the Election Law Article.

(b) (1) This section applies only to a regulated lobbyist described in § 5–702(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subtitle.

(2) This section does not apply to a regulated lobbyist who is a candidate with respect to the regulated lobbyist’s own campaign.

(c) The restrictions in this section apply from the starting date of the regulated lobbyist’s registration to the end of the calendar year in which the registration period ends.

(d) (1) For the benefit of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or Comptroller, or a member of the General Assembly, or a candidate for election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, or member of the General Assembly, a regulated lobbyist who is subject to this section or a person acting on behalf of the regulated lobbyist may not:

(i) solicit or transmit a political contribution from any person, including a political committee;

(ii) serve on a fund–raising committee or a political committee;

(iii) act as a treasurer for a candidate or an official or as treasurer or chair of a political committee;

(iv) organize or establish a political committee for the purpose of soliciting or transmitting contributions from any person; or

(v) forward tickets for fund–raising activities, or other solicitations for political contributions, to a potential contributor.

(2) This section does not prohibit a regulated lobbyist from:

(i) making a personal political contribution;

(ii) informing any entity of a position taken by a candidate or an official; or

(iii) engaging in other activities not specifically prohibited under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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